

WEIRD TALE IS TOLD TO ATTORNEY

Romantic Story of Robbery by
Peg-Legged Fellow Traveler
Poured into Ears of Vena-
ble by Wordy Stranger

RELIEVED OF COIN AND MULE TEAM

Hold-Up on Banks of Turbid Cana-
dian; Complainant Disappears
and Leaves Officers Merely
Guessing Mystery

A few days since a man called upon County Attorney John H. Venable with a weird story of guns and highway robbery and woolen-legged man and stolen mule teams and mysterious disappearances, and asked the county's official to aid in searching out an offender and bringing him to the bar of justice.

The man stated to Mr. Venable that he, together with his wife and two little children, was traveling overland from some point in southern Kansas to Walters, Okla., where the man said his sister resided. He stated that somewhere this side of the Kansas line his outfit was joined by another in charge of a man with a family, two teams and a wooden leg.

The owner of the wooden leg, in addition to the wagon he was in, had a buggy and horse which was led behind the wagon.

The two outfits jogged along together, the man with the wooden leg stating to the fellow bound for Walters that he was shy on cash, but that upon his arrival at Enid he would find, awaiting him in the postoffice, a letter containing a check for a sum sufficient to defray his expenses. In the meanwhile would the party of the first part contribute to the everyday life necessities for the peg-legged traveler and his family? The party of the first part would—and did until Enid was reached.

At the postoffice in Enid no letter with check enclosed awaited the weary traveler. He left forwarding orders and asked his friend how much change still remained in the exchequer. He was told that funds sufficient to carry them to El Reno remained in the old yarn sock.

All right, to El Reno was where he had ordered the letter, with the handsome check inside it, forwarded. They would continue together.

Arriving at El Reno the man with the bank roll became afraid of the "man-looking-for-a-check" and slipped away from him—he and his family, from him and his family.

A few nights thereafter, number one party told the county attorney, while camped upon the banks of the turbulent Canadian, the evening meal having been eaten and the smoke peacefully ascending from his pipe of peace as he watched the gambols of his progeny about the apron strings of the maternal sharer of his joys—and trip from Kansas to Oklahoma—the peg-legged companion of the earlier stages of his journey rode up, in company with three other men whom he had never before seen, to the best of his knowledge and belief, and, greatly against his will and much to his mental anguish, proceeded to relieve him, the said party of the first part, of the remainder of his cash in hand, amounting to a total of \$1.75 in legal coin of the realm, and also of a span of good and intelligent mules of the cotton-patch variety.

After telling this story to the county attorney, with all the necessary embellishments, the party seeking solace of the law, stated to the county attorney that he would consult with the wife of his bosom and ascertain the name of the gentleman with the cordwood lower limb, and then return to the office of justice and file a complaint in due and ancient form.

This was some week or more ago and the party complainant hath returned not, even unto this day and date.

And now, having taken counsel of the county sheriff, the county attorney thinks there may be something decomposed in the regions of Denmark and he has asked the said sheriff to put forth an effort to locate both the supposed robber and the supposed robbed.

FEDERAL CHAMPIONS WILL CHALLENGE THE WINNER.

By United Press.

Chicago, Oct. 4.—Charles Weegman, owner of the Chicago Whales, winner of the Federal league pennant, today formally challenged the winner of the world series. If his challenge is not accepted he will claim the world championship.

SELECTING JURORS TO TRY TAYLOR

The regular October term of the district court convened this morning, Judge Will Linn presiding.

The morning session of the court was a very busy one, a number of defendants in criminal cases being arraigned.

In the matters of the State of Oklahoma vs. C. P. Mead, arraigned and allowed 24 hours in which to plead; State vs. Hugh Pope, charged with killing Marvin Chitwood, arraigned and allowed 24 hours in which to plead; State vs. Otto Rogers, felonious assault, arraigned, plea of not guilty, remanded to jail pending setting of case; State vs. Alva Artar, assault and battery, plea of not guilty, remanded to sheriff pending setting of case; State vs. Tolly Moncrief, horse theft, dismissed on motion of county attorney; State vs. Willie Moncrief, same charge, same disposition; State vs. Sylvester Jacobs, charge of burglary committed two years ago, dismissed; State vs. Fender Polk, charged with shooting at sheriff, waived arraignment and given 24 hours in which to plead; State vs. Jesse Taylor, charged with killing Gus Lamneck, two years ago, two miles south of Chickasha, arraigned, plea of not guilty and jury ordered.

At noon today the panel had been exhausted, all jurors present except eleven, being disqualified. Court ordered a special venire of twenty-five jurors from which to complete panel. Special venire to report at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Taylor is charged with assaulting and murdering Gus Lamneck with an iron doublet. The doublet and the blood stained and crushed straw hat which the dead man is alleged to have worn at the time of the assault will be introduced, the county attorney alleges, as exhibits "A" and "B."

The jury panel may possibly be completed this afternoon and the case come to trial tomorrow morning.

FIND BODY OF TROOPER

By United Press.

Brownsville, Tex., Oct. 4.—The lifeless body of Patrick Sullivan, an American soldier, was found on the banks of the river near Fort Brown, the skull being crushed.

Sullivan was last seen alive Sunday night. There were evidences of a struggle in the river which is only seventy-five yards wide there.

It is reported that Gen. Lopez has succeeded Gen. Naferrerie in command of the Carranza forces at Matamoros.

SHOP FORCE INCREASED

Sixty-five men were put back to work in the Rock Island shops this morning. This increase in the force places again on the payroll of the company the employees who were dropped during the month of September, in order that this division should keep within its maintenance allowance.

This addition to the shop force means an additional payroll for Chickasha of approximately \$3600 to \$4000 per month.

NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE.

By United Press.

Washington, Sept. 4.—The note submitted to Secretary Lansing by Ambassador Bernstorff in New York was "satisfactory as far as it goes," but makes necessary further negotiations, it was learned today.

BANKER IS BACK FROM COAST TRIP

Dwyer Tells of Tour of Oklahoma
Financiers; Sits at Fetal Board
With Former President
Taft

FINDS OKLAHOMA CONDITIONS BEST

"Best Place to Live and Make
Money," Declares Wonderer
to Distant Lands; Many
Joys on Journey

Tired out, but smiling, genial and glad to be once more on Oklahoma soil, Thomas H. Dwyer, president of the Oklahoma Bankers' association, arrived home Friday evening from a pleasant visit to the San Francisco exposition, and an extended preceding trip throughout the northwest and west.

Mr. Dwyer boarded the Oklahoma Bankers' special which left Oklahoma City the latter part of August for a round-about trip to the city of the Golden Gate.

Mr. Dwyer stated this morning that the trip was an ideal one. He said that from the time they left Oklahoma City on the first leg of their journey until they arrived back there and "home again" they were entertained and "wined and dined" to the surfeit of all.

The first day in which the corks popped and the hot birds flanked the bottles while wit and humor bubbled from welcoming speeches, was Kansas City. Here, Mr. Dwyer said, the bankers of the "City of the Kaw" made a special effort to play the part of the hosts to the coming hero and later a big contingent of those hosts joined the party and became members of the excursion.

Crossing the boundary into the fastnesses of King George's Canadian dominion, the bankers of Winnipeg and Calgary came across with all the delicacies of which magazine writers tell, together with liquid refreshments from good old smoky "Dwyer's Scotch" and Irish distillations, down to the fabled "Alf and Alf" and old fashioned bubble water made in America and branded in France. These refreshments appealed to some of the party but not to Mr. Dwyer.

At Seattle the bankers were again entertained most royally. Here they stayed as guests of the Seattle bankers for four days. From Seattle the excursion wended onward to Portland, where the party left the train and continued by boat to San Francisco.

At Portland Former President Taft became a member of the party and added much to the enjoyment of the remaining portion of the trip into San Francisco.

Mr. Dwyer said that Mr. Taft still wore that aldermanic bay window while the some old winning smile lit the corners of his mustache and lit the spread of his nostrils as it squinted his eyes with wrinkles of pleasure.

Mr. Taft responded to a toast at a spread on shipboard in which he stated that Mr. Dwyer could lay claim to all kinds of honor in being a Republican. He said that while he—Mr. Taft—was born and reared in Ohio, where Republicans were thicker than traditional fiddlers, "in a land which we hope may be traditional, but fear not," Mr. Dwyer was a Republican output of Texas, with a quarter of a million Democratic plurality, born of good, old Irish parentage and nurtured in the very cradle of democracy. Like the Irishman was about the giraffe, Mr. Taft said that even though he knew Tom Dwyer to be an Irish-Texas Republican, yet he could not but believe that there ain't no such animal.

Mr. Dwyer said that the San Francisco exposition is a big success and while it may not pay a big dividend to its promoters, yet will pay out and leave a medium of profit.

In speaking of conditions throughout the country generally, Mr. Dwyer said that he could not but feel satisfied that the crop and the necessarily coincident financial conditions of Oklahoma were better than those in any state visited. The Pacific coast is a good country—to visit and unload your money in," said Mr. Dwyer, "but Oklahoma is the place to make money and live."

ITALIAN SOLDIERS CAPTURE SNIPER AND SPY



Scene following the arrest by Italian troops of an Austrian sniper and spy. He was tried, condemned and shot soon after. Near him are seen his wife and little daughter.

GINNINGS SMALLER IS REPORT

Condition Also Shows Falling Off;
Total Crop of 10,950,000 Pre-
dicted; Markets Take
Upward Turn

By United Press.

Washington, Oct. 4.—According to the census report issued today the total number of bales of cotton of the 1915 crop ginned up to September 25, was 2,900,007.

Up to the same date in 1914 the total amount ginned was 3,393,752 bales.

The department of agriculture, in a report issued today, estimated the condition of the cotton crop on September 25 to be 60.8 per cent of normal as compared with 69.2 on the same date of the previous month.

On the basis of these figures a yield of 168 pounds per acre was forecasted, making the total 1915 crop 10,950,168 bales, as compared with 16,135,000 bales last year.

Price Takes Spurt.

By United Press.

New York, Oct. 4.—Cotton advanced over a dollar a bale following the unfavorable government report on the condition of the crop today.

SPILL 190 GALS. OF CHOC. BEER

Last Saturday evening about 6 o'clock J. H. Filippo, constable; C. M. Beard, police officer, and Jim Dillon, deputy U. S. marshal, raided dark town and destroyed 190 gallons of "Choc" beer, found between Third and Fourth street, on Dakota avenue, and between first and Minnesota avenue. There was no arrest made, but the officers made the beer makers promise never to make any more of that stuff or bring any of it here.

Officers say there will be a close watch for this kind of beer by them. "Better cut it out or you will get a job on the county road," is the word. Filippo says that Jim Dillon is there with the "jimpon" when it comes to dumping a sixty gallon barrel of beer, and that Officer Beard can smell that stuff for one hundred yards. "He would certainly make a fine bloodhound," said Filippo.

There were 114 in the bankers' party—56 gentlemen and 58 ladies. "And we all enjoyed the trip, but are all glad to be 'home again'."

When asked his opinion of the manner in which Grady county had jumped from ninth to fifth place at the state fair, Mr. Dwyer said, "I had expected it. With such a demonstration agent as O. C. Cooper, Grady county should have had first place—and she will have first place next year."

CARTOONIST IS KILLED BY FALL

By United Press.

Chicago, Oct. 4.—Stewart W. Carothers, the well known cartoonist, was instantly killed by a fall from a window of the DeLong hotel here early today.

Carothers was the originator of the Charley Chaplin comic strip that is run by many newspapers.

BOARD IN SESSION

The board of commissioners of Grady county met in regular monthly session this morning, all commissioners present, together with county clerk, county surveyor and other officials.

Today has been devoted principally to the disposition of the regular routine business of their county, the allowance of claims and other matters in kind.

It is possible that the matter of fixing the routings of a number of county roads and the possible state highways which are to traverse the county, will occupy the latter part of today's session.

TWO PINTS CAPTURED

Deputies Arthur Williams and O. N. Dryden of Sheriff Bailey's force, stopped over while enroute to the evening performance of the big show, Saturday night, long enough to investigate the whereabouts of a seemingly unlawful assemblage in the heart of Darktown.

Pushing their way into the building, the officers were just in time to attend the passing out of the last of the joy water—two pints. When Deputy Williams laid the hands of the law upon the last pint the supposed dispenser advised him that he was "Sorry, Boss, but that whisky's done been sold."

A. J. Carter and "Doctor" Graham accompanied the two pints and the two officers to the county jail where they remain pending a further investigation.

ALMOST OVERLOOKED BET.

Owing to rush of business Judge Davenport of the county court and Miss Linda, official stenographer of that court, came almost working for love of country—patriotism, some call it—during September. This calamity was brought about through their oversight in the matter of filing their claims for official services during the month named. However, Roy Cox discovered the oversight and called their attention to it in time for both the Judge and his stenographer to get in "on the ground floor" before the board of county commissioners assembled.

BULGARIA DRIVEN TO WAR BRINK

Premier Blames Obstinacy of Serbia
and Greece for Bringing on
Crisis; Now Ready
to Strike

TURK CAPITAL GOAL OF DRIVE

Marshall MacKenson With Big Army
Withdrawn from Russian Front
for Move on Serbian
Frontier

By United Press.

London, Oct. 4.—The Russian ultimatum to Bulgaria expired at 2 o'clock this afternoon, London time.

At that hour the intentions of Czar Ferdinand were not known here. It is possible that the ultimatum expired without an answer and the Russian minister and staff have already left Sofia.

Dispatches from Petrograd earlier in the day asserted that Russia would accept nothing but a complete back-down by Bulgaria. The Russian fleet is reported to be off the Bulgarian port of Varna.

Vienna dispatches say the French government ordered that no Bulgarian reservists be permitted to leave France.

By United Press.

London, Oct. 4.—The obstinate refusal of Serbia and Greece to recognize the rights of Bulgaria in Macedonia, forced the mobilization decree that has brought Bulgaria to the brink of war.

This declaration was made by Premier Radosloff in an exclusive statement that was telegraphed to the United Press today.

The premier said all the great powers concede the legitimacy of Bulgaria's claims to Macedonian territory. His statement was dated September 13 and was evidently delayed in transmission. He denied that Bulgaria had any aggressive intentions but said she planned to back here legitimate claims and was prepared to resort to arms if necessary.

Mackensen to Direct.

By United Press.

Bucharest, Oct. 4.—Gen. Mackensen, with a quarter of a million men, has withdrawn from the Russian front and arrived on the Serbian frontier to direct the Austro-German drive which is designed to reach Constantinople, according to advice received by the newspaper Epoca, which is printed here.

It was stated that Mackensen had established headquarters at Versec. It is reported that the Austro-Germans brought two thousand cannon to use in their operations against Serbia.

French Make Progress.

By United Press.

Paris, Oct. 4.—The French continue to make progress in their operations against the Germans north of Arras, according to the official statement issued today.

FEWER CASES FILED.

September, just passed, witnessed the filing of fewer civil suits than has any other month in several years in the history of Grady county. During September, 1915, there were only seventeen actions filed with Court Clerk Newman as against 33 during the month of August and 35 for September, 1914. It is alleged, in court circles, that this is not a mark of the people of Grady county growing poorer—so that they cannot afford litigation, but better and more peaceable and satisfied so that they do not care to quarrel with their neighbors.

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| WEATHER FORECAST. | |
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| For Oklahoma. | |
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| Tonight, fair, colder; Tuesday, fair. | |
| Local Temperature | |
| During the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. | |
| Maximum | 90 |
| Minimum | 57 |